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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON: MAJOR HADDAD

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1. DISCUSSED QUESTION OF WHAT TO DO WITH MAJOR HADDAD WITH
PRESIDENT SARKIS APRIL 3. I SAID WE WERE PREPARED TRANSMIT
TO ISRAELIS ANY PROPOSALS LEBANESE MIGHT HAVE FOR
DEALING WITH HIM. I SAID IT SEEMED TO US MOST APPROPRIATE
TECHNIQUE WOULD BE TO REINTEGRATE HIM INTO LEBANESE ARMY
AND TRANSFER HIM. THIS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, UNTIL
LEBANESE ARMY WAS ACTUALLY ON THE GROUND IN THE SOUTH.

2. SARKIS SAID HE DID NOT THINK THIS WAS URGENT PROBLEM,
AND HE WOULD JUST AS SOON LET IT REST FOR A MONTH OR SO.
PRIME MINISTER HOSS HAD BEEN VERY EXERCISED ABOUT HADDAD,
BUT HE THOUGHT THAT WOULD PASS. THERE WERE MORE URGENT
AND IMPORTANT THINGS WHICH WERE TAKING PRECEDENCE TODAY.
IN ANY EVENT, IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO TRANSFER HADDAD
ELSEWHERE IN LEBANON BECAUSE TOO MANY PEOPLE WERE GUNNING

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FOR HIM AS A COLLABORATOR WITH ISRAEL. PARKER

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